

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:

AA 360

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

Acton

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

Acton

PRESENT USE: Single Family Res. Apt.

ORIGINAL USE: Single Family Residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

Col Philip Hammond

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent (x)

Good ()

Fair ()

Poor: ()

THEME:

STYLE: Georgian

DATE BUILT:

1745, 1760, 1762

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

TOWN: Annapolis

LOCATION:

Acton Place

COMMON NAME:

Acton

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32Par 579

OWNER:

ADDRESS: Bridges, Jack H & Joan S
1101 S. Arlington Edge Rd

Arlington, VA 22202

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (x)

No ()

Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

NR, HABS

Local ()

State ()

National (x)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick (x) Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (x) Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer (x) Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle ()
Bonding Pattern: Flemish Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle (x) Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (x) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys (x) Sheds () Ells ()
Wings (x) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5x2

Approximate Dimensions: 80x50

Entrance Location: Centered in Portico

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (x) Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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Three part main block with pedimented end pavilions, hipped roof with massive brick chimneys set parallel to front facade oval windows in pediments; entire structure surrounded with molded wood cornice, brick belt course and brick watertable with molded weathering; entrance set in pedimented porch, with dentiled cornice and rakes and paired Tuscan columns; stairs and seats are later; paired double doors with round headed fan light, enclosed by paneled pilaster strips; all windows in front facade have splayed brick arches, those at sides and rear elliptical openings, with wood sills and casings; rear elevation highlighted by one story porch that surrounds two-story octagonal full width bay, porch with square posts; hipped dormer at rear roof plane; exceptional interior includes three jib doors opening to the porch and double leaf folding pocket shutter at all windows; wing at right is two stories with hipped roof, connecting to Acton with one story hyphen, both 20thC, replacing an earlier and larger construction

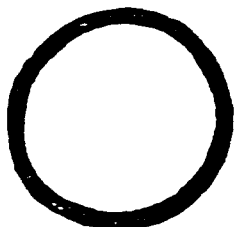
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Exceptional Georgian residence with superb massing and form, careful attention to design of later wing, exceptional interiors, Flemish bond brickwork; Built on Spa Creek on land deeded to Philip Hammond in 1730 (name derives from original land grant in 1651 to Richard Acton.) Hamr was father of Mathias Hammond, builder of the Hammond-Harwood house.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up(✓)Densely-Built Up()
Residential()Commercial()
Agricultural()Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED:

Aug. 1983

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PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent (X) Good ()

Fair () Poor: ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT:

c.1950

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

TOWN: Annapolis

LOCATION:
1 Acton Place

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Res Map 32Par 642579

OWNER: Bridges Jack H & Joan S
ADDRESS: 1101 S. Arlington Rdge Rd.
Arlington, VA 22202

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (X) No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 2x4

Approximate Dimensions: 30x75

Entrance Location: Left

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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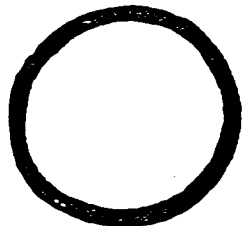
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

No architectural significance.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



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The Annapolis Architectural Resources Survey is the result of one summer's study in Annapolis. Annapolis is an incredibly rich city architecturally, so much so that it was impossible to include absolutely every structure in the old city that is worthy of preservation. There are also many structures outside of the historic district that should be included in future surveys. The following list, therefore, should not be regarded as the definite list of buildings to be saved; someone else might have omitted some of the buildings I have included and included some of the buildings I have omitted. It is hoped that the surveyed structures and the architectural evaluations will lead to a greater appreciation of Annapolis unique architectural heritage. This heritage is not, as many suppose, solely 18th century; Annapolis has some extremely important 19th century structures. Architecturally and historically Annapolis is one of the wealthiest cities in America. Her history and architecture are her greatest assets and should be jealously guarded.

William D. Morgan

Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Annapolis, Maryland		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
COUNTY		2. NAME Acton	
TOWN		DATE OR PERIOD 1745, addition 1760+02	
VICINITY		STYLE Georgian	
STREET NO. 1 Acton Place		ARCHITECT unknown	
ORIGINAL OWNER Philip Hammond		BUILDER Col. Philip Hammond	
ORIGINAL USE residence		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
PRESENT OWNER Mrs. W. Taylor Smith			
PRESENT USE residence			
WALL CONSTRUCTION brick			
NO. OF STORIES 2 plus very low attic			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
<p>Cecil Calvert granted this land to Richard Acton in 1651. Hammond, an early military figure, married daughter of John Brice. The house is a refined, superb piece of architecture. The front is divided into three parts = 2 bays on both sides of a porch with four columns and a triangular pediment. The side parts have two windows 6/6 on the 1st and 2nd stories, divided by a belt course, and are topped by triangular pediments inset with an oval window. The low hipped roof has two massive chimneys with their breadth facing the street. There is one window above the porch. The symmetry is broken by a later wing to the south. A magnificent tree stands in front of the house.</p> <p>The rear of Acton has (3 sides of) an octagonal block projecting from the middle. A porch the width of the house sits beneath it. There are 3 windows in the block and one on either side of it, all 6/6. The house is lived in and in good shape - a real gem - with fine Flemish brickwork.</p> <p>A spring house (now on Johnson property) toward Spa Creek in the rear was recently destroyed, however, the foundations remain.</p>			
<p>HABS - 1 photo</p> <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Very Good In</p>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)</p> <p>INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> <p>HABS, Court House, Hall of Records, etc. Abundant Records</p>		<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>William D. Morgan Columbia University New York City</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD June 26, 1967</p>	



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

- 1. NAME OF PROPERTY:** Acton Hall

Address of property: Street One Acton Place

City Annapolis County Anne Arundel State Md. Zip Code 21401

Name of historic district in which property is located Annapolis Historic District
- 2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:** See attached site plan, location plan and photographs (see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

House Condition: Needs complete reconditioning and redecorating of all surfaces, primarily inside, with less major work on exterior. Appears to be structurally sound, with some deflection in floors. (continued reverse side)
- 3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:** (use reverse side if necessary)

Acton Hall is one of Annapolis' finest Mid-Eighteenth Century manor houses. Built circa 1740 on waterfront land deeded in 1730 to Phillip Hammond, a member of the illustrious Hammond family of Maryland and father of Mathias Hammond who built the Hammond-Harwood House in 1775. Acton Hall occupies just under an acre of land running from Franklin St. to Spa Creek at Acton Place. The name (cont. reverse of construction (if known)) 1740 Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alteration (if known) wing-hyphen - 1910
- 4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:**

Name Jack H. Bridges

Street 19 Eaton Place

City London S.W. 1 Country xxx England Zip Code

Telephone Number (during day): Area contact Lois B. Anthony-Meredith Co. (301) 263-2651

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature Jack H. Bridges Date

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☐ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

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Signature Date
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ hereby certified a historic structure
☐ does not contribute to the character of historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature Date
Keeper of the National Register

2. Description of Physical appearance

Outdated plumbing, wiring and heating not in good working order.

Compared to most old houses, Brice and Paca for example, Acton is very close to original condition, there having been very few modifications inside or out except for the wing.

Known modifications:

- a. One second floor bedroom converted to three bathrooms (There is believed to be one original fireplace closed up in the hall bath.)
- b. Several fireplaces have been rebuilt with modern brick (trim appears to be original)
- c. Flooring is original.
- d. Porches are probably not original
- e. One or two extra chimney flues probably were converted for furnances.

The main house, less hyphen and wing, contains 1782 gross sq. feet per floor, or a total of 3564 gross sq. feet.

The hyphen and 2 story wing contain 2228 gross sq. feet; including garage. (less garage = 1905 sq. ft. gross.)

Total gross sq. footage is 5792 square feet.

Land Area: See attached plan. Approximately 80 foot frontage on Spa Creek (previously known as Acton Cove) approximately 120 ft. wide at widest point; and approximately 500 ft. deep, measured from Franklin St. to water's edge. Total sq. footage approximately 42,000 ft. (41,290.45 ft. as computed from old description) which includes the short driveway in front of house.

3. Statement of Significance:

derives from the original grant to Richard Acton in 1651.

Acton is two stories in height, built of local brick laid in Flemish Bond, with stuccoed watertables. brick flat key arches on the three-part front facade and segmental row lock arches in the end and rear walls. The Spa Creek facade is highlighted by an extremely well detailed semi-octagonal projecting bay with an octagonal porch. A one story hyphen and two story wing have been built on the south end during the Twentieth Century replacing a much earlier similar structure which was removed. The spacious grounds contain numerous large trees and specimen boxwood.

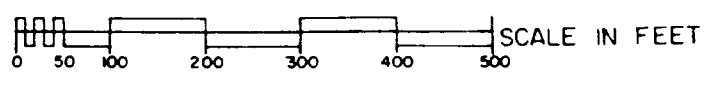
Acton has been placed in the highest architectural category in a survey conducted for Historic Annapolis, Inc., based on the architectural detailing and composition of the main house. Exterior details of significance include a four brick deep belt course surrounding the entire composition, a molded wood cornice, pedimented entrance porch with dentilled cornice, fan lite double entrance doors which retain most of the original hardware, elliptical windows in the pedimented gable end sections of the front facade, 12 over 12 sash, and a pair of massive brick chimneys of six flues each in the center wall. The interior of Acton Hall retains much of the original detailing, including raised panel doors with some HL hinges and box locks, heavy molded window frames, three working jib doors (one jib door is generally considered a rarity) opening to the rear porch, double leaf folding interior pocket blinds for each window, and the early stairway with turned newels, molded hand rail and square balusters. Many of the interior ceiling cornices including an elaborate cast plaster one in the semi-octagonal bay, and base molds appear to be original, as are a number of the 9 mantals

The architect of Acton Hall is unknown, but the obvious care taken in construction detailing and choice of materials ranks this house as most important.

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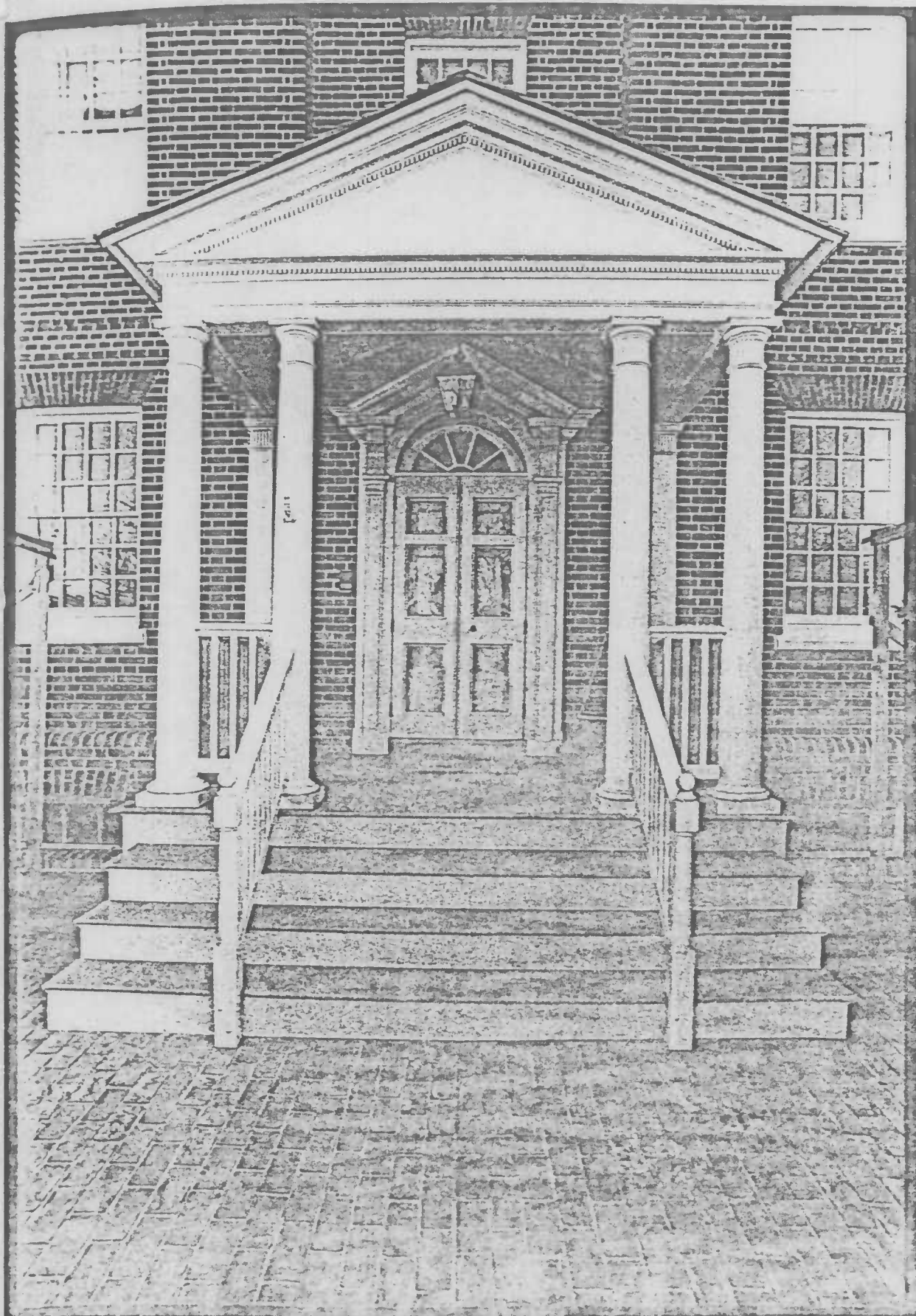
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— Front Elevation (West)

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Front Door (West)



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WILLIAM D. MORGAN

Acton
1 Acton Place
Sept 27 1934



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"Actor"
1st Floor Place
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